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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud citizens of Dimmit County are visiting
2 the State Capitol on March 11, 2015, to celebrate the prominent role
3 this southwestern Texas county has played in the annals of our
4 state; and

5 WHEREAS, According to archeological evidence, humans have
6 inhabited the area of Dimmit County for at least 11,000 years; the
7 native Coahuilteicans were eventually pushed out by Apaches and
8 Comanches, as well as by Europeans, with the Spanish passing
9 through via the famed Old San Antonio Road in the late 1600s; and

10 WHEREAS, Dimmit County was named after Philip Dimmitt, one of
11 the framers of the Goliad Declaration of Independence; established
12 in 1858, it was formally organized in 1880 with Carrizo Springs as
13 its county seat; the town flourished, and cattle ranchers
14 established themselves in the county; by 1890, it was home to nearly
15 100 farms and ranches, averaging over 4,000 acres in size; and

16 WHEREAS, In the first decades of the 20th century, the use of
17 underground water facilitated the introduction of commercial
18 agriculture, bringing new settlers and soaring land values; the
19 long growing season and new irrigation methods combined to make the
20 county one of the most prolific vegetable-growing areas in the
21 country, and it gained recognition as part of the Texas Winter
22 Garden Region; and

23 WHEREAS, Drought and the Great Depression took a toll on
24 agriculture in the county in the first half of the 20th century, but

1 vegetable farming rebounded following World War II; later, water
2 supply problems again hampered farming, ranching regained
3 dominance in the economy, and oil and gas production became
4 increasingly important; the area continues to be known for its
5 abundance of mineral resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, Dimmit County has a population estimated at
7 nearly 11,000, and in recent years, oil and gas company investment
8 in the Eagle Ford Shale has brought rapid development and a rush of
9 newcomers; and

10 WHEREAS, The industrious citizens of this notable Texas
11 county can take justifiable pride in its history as they prepare to
12 embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in a new era
13 of progress; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2015, as Dimmit County Day
16 at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation sincere best
17 wishes for an enjoyable and informative visit.